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Filing Date: 6/29/2001; First Named Inventor: Gao, Yang  
Attorney Docket No.: 01CON303P  
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Message:

Enclosed please find a RCE transmittal; and the Amendment and Response to the Advisory Action dated February 15, 2005. Payment for the Request for Continued Examination filing fee in the amount of \$790.00 is hereby enclosed on Form PTO-2038.

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See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

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## 1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

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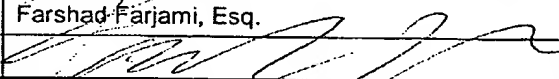
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- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

## 3. Fees

The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

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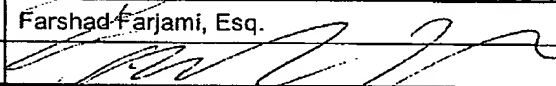
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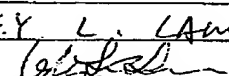
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